

Docket No. 251577US2RD  
IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mieko MATSUDA, et al.  
SERIAL NO: 10/821,961  
FILED: April 12, 2004  
FOR: DISTANCE DETECTING APPARATUS, AIR BAG SYSTEM CONTROLLING APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF DETECTING DISTANCE

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
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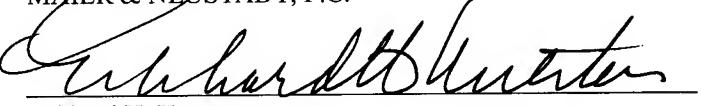
- No additional fee is required  
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.  
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